

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

June 11, 1999

<u>CERTIFIED MAIL</u> RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Mark Brewer, Chair Michigan Democratic State Central Committee 606 Townsend Lansing, MI 48933

RE: MUR 4835

Dear Mr. Brewer:

On October 26, 1998, the Federal Election Commission received your complaint alleging certain violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act").

After considering the circumstances of this matter, the Commission has determined to exercise its prosecutorial discretion and to take no action against the respondents. See attached narrative. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter on June 10, 1999. This matter will become part of the public record within 30 days.

The Act allows a complainant to seek judicial review of the Commission's dismissal of this action. See 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(8).

Sincerely,

F. Andrew Turley Supervisory Attorney

Central Enforcement Docket

Attachment

Narrative

MUR 4835 McMANUS FOR CONGRESS

Mark Brewer, Chair of the Michigan Democratic Party, alleges that Michelle McManus and the McManus for Congress Committee (the "Committee") solicited contributions for a campaign fundraising event without requesting occupation and employer information or including the "best efforts" language. Ms. McManus lost the 1998 General election for Michigan's 1st congressional district with 37% of the vote to Bart Stupak's 55%.

The Committee concedes in its response that that particular invitation appeared to lack the "best efforts" language, but provides copies of numerous other solicitations that included the request for occupation employer information to support its contention that this resulted from an inadvertent error. The Committee notes that the fund-raiser in question was canceled, and maintains that its error did not result in any actual failure to report any donor's occupation or employer.

This matter is less significant relative to other matters pending before the Commission.